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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....

The 1980-81 academic year promises to be another busy one for the students, faculty and staff at MSCC.

We just recently completed a self-study of our activities, which involves students, faculty and staff. A committee representing the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges visited our campus last May to evaluate our programs and procedures. I am happy to report that MSCC was reaffirmed for full accreditation. The college was evaluated as an independent unit. I want to thank those individuals who were involved in this self-study for the many long hours of hard work.

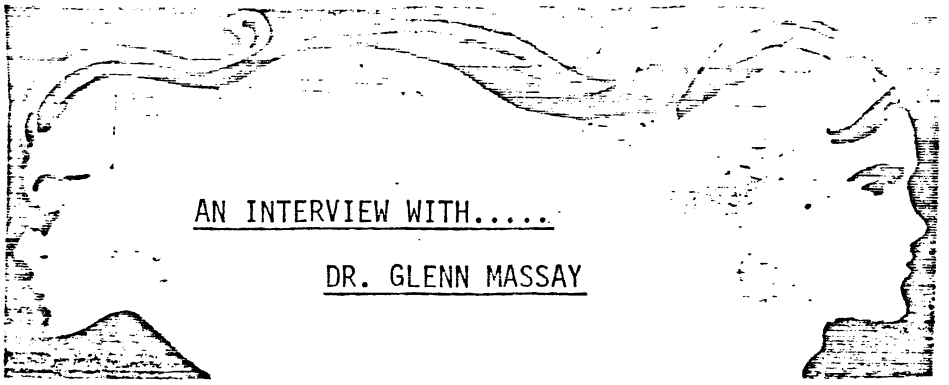
We hope to place into service, either during the latter part of the fall semester or the beginning of spring semester the new classroom and office addition currently under construction. This facility is expected to alleviate some of the crowding on campus.

Whether you are a new student, or a returning student, a full time student or a part-time student taking one or two courses, I want to welcome you and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities available for education and self-achievement.

H A V E A H A P P Y Y E A R! ! !

Sincerely,

Al Okeson
Campus President



AN INTERVIEW WITH.....

DR. GLENN MASSAY

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing our new Dean of Instruction, Dr. Glenn Massay.

Dr. Massay comes to Mat-Su from Tanana Valley Community College where he held the position of Campus President. He was also Campus President at the Community College of West Virginia.

According to Dr. Massay, the future of MSCC looks very bright. His immediate concern involves the recommendations put forth by the Accreditation team that visited here in April. Of prime importance is the visibility of the school and this can be accomplished by media coverage, increasing the number of newspaper articles in relation to school activities and courses. Fall schedule placemats will be distributed to the various eating establishments in the community.

Dr. Massay will be working with the faculty and students so that the college catalog can be revised and a fall line-up can be accomplished.

Most of us have voiced our opinions regarding more daytime classes. I was pleased to learn that a request for additional faculty has been made and funding may be received for 1981. However, Dr. Massay feels that we can begin planning now without an increase in staff.

For those of us who have a "BROWN THUMB" ("green thumbs" are welcome too!), we can look forward to a garden workshop that will begin in the fall. The first topic to be discussed will be, "Putting your garden to bed for the winter." Other topics such as, "Houseplants," will be included later on.

I can see a great many good things happening at our college and know that we will all work together with Dr. Massay and the faculty in making them a reality.

THANK YOU DR. MASSAY

WELCOME TO MAT-SU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Rae Nelson

SOPHOMORE WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Have you been writing gripping suspense stories, audacious essays, insightful poetry or brilliant articles in your head for years but never quite managed to change these literary tours de force from dreams to realities? When you close your eyes do visions of your by-line on book covers and in magazines appear before you in flaming Technicolor? If these activities are part of your fantasy life, then this fall you belong in English 260, Sophomore Writers' Workshop.

Writers' Workshop will be meeting on Thursday evenings all semester at the Mat-Su Community College campus and will be part instruction in how to improve your writing skills and part a forum for exposing your writing to an audience for immediate feedback on how others perceive and react to what you write.

The members of the class will decide during the first regular class meeting what areas of creative writing they wish to study during the semester from a long list of possibilities including plotting, character development, marketing techniques, use of figurative language, effective dialogue, and rhythm and movement in writing. While there is no text for the course, a considerable collection of material on writing will be available for use by the students from the instructor and from the library.

In addition to instruction in writing and marketing techniques, the Workshop will publish a Worksheet each week of student stories, poems, essays, articles or plays which will be available to each class member and will be the focus of discussion for half of each class period. Through the Worksheet, students will be able to learn quickly how others react to their writing.

You can't call yourself a writer until you have written something and English 260 is designed to help you write well enough to change those visions of your by-line into a reality. Join us on Thursdays!

BETTY FALLON

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A NEW LITERATURE COURSE

"There is first the literature of knowledge, and secondly, the literature of power. The function of the first is--to teach; the function of the second is--to move." (DeQuincey, Essays on the Poets)

English 203, Survey of British Literature, is a course devoted entirely to "the literature of power." Beginning with the folk epic Beowulf (c. 700 A.D.), students will experience 900 years of great English literature: Chaucer, Malory, Shakespeare, Donne, Milton, Swift, Pope, and others. The readings will be varied: drama, essay, lyric and narrative poetry.

This is the literature which still inspires us with the beauty and versatility of our own language, and which we can still read with admiration and pleasure.

The teacher, Barbara Mishler, hopes to have a full class of people eager for fascinating reading and lively discussion. Come and be moved by some literature of power!

BARBARA MISHLER

WANTED

Dear fellow students:

The Monitor is our newsletter and it is up to us to see that it be a continual success.

You personally, can contribute to its production by volunteering your talents whether it be in art, literature, poetry, photography or what have you. We'll even consider some good jokes!

We are planning to make the Monitor a genuine school newspaper by staffing it with students who are willing to donate their time and talents to its production.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Rae Nelson (745-4391) or Michele Leonard (376-2266). A message can be left at the college if you are not successful in reaching either of us.

Let's work together to make our school work for us!

Thank you,

Rae Nelson

Rae Nelson
Student Council President

WHAT'S NEW ON CAMPUS?

For those who are interested in the new student body government, the members would like to share with you that which has been accomplished over these short summer months. We have had only a few guidelines to go by and getting on our feet has been a slow and somewhat confusing business. Organizing and defining positions and responsibilities became a major task. However, with the help of certain faculty members and the persistance of our student body President, Rae Nelson, the team can be accredited with a few successful enterprises.

PLEASE NOTE: At the opening of the 1980 fall semester everyone should be in possession of their own MSCC I.D. CARD. The I.D. CARD is FREE and will be presented to the student at the time tuition is paid.

I have found that it is appallingly apparent that there are community residents who are not yet aware of MSCC'S existence. This may be hard for some to believe, yet sadly enough, it holds true. One of our immediate objectives is to see that appropriate directional signs be placed at strategic points along the highways so that the college can be found without the hassle that some of us have been faced with. Rae Nelson will be heard at the Borough Assembly meeting on August 19th, with the intention of making our needs known and hopefully to get a motion from the assembly to have the signs put up in the very near future.

SUGGESTION BOX: This has been established in the front lobby. We welcome and encourage all interested individuals to participate in sharing new ideas and voicing suggestions. Although we can't guarantee immediate results, we can guarantee that everyone's suggestion will be read, discussed and considered. THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL AND WE NEED TO HEAR IT FROM YOU, THE STUDENTS!

IN THE FUTURE WE ARE CONSIDERING:

A LITERARY CLUB	A PSYCHOLOGY CLUB
VARIOUS SEMINARS	BOOK FAIR
BAKE SALE	FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

A MAP TO MSCC POSTED AT THE PALMER INFORMATION CENTER AND AT THE WASILLA & KNIK MUSUEMS.

It should be noted on your calendar of events that on September 8th, (hopefully the 9th & 10th too), we will be having our first COFFEE & COOKIE SALE. YAHOO! Proceeds will go to the STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURY so we can secure future activities at MSCC for the student body. We wish to thank the LAND COMPANY, Wasilla, for the donation of $20 which will enable us to purchase supplies for the sale. ALL COOKIES, unless otherwise stated, will be HOMEMADE by student council members and by those who have so generously volunteered to help us out too. THANKS TO ALL.

NEW MEMBERS TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED IN THE FALL TO TAKE OFFICE IN THE SPRING OF '81. START PREPARING YOUR CAMPAIGN SPEECHES NOW. GOOD LUCK!

GRACIAS! Many thanks Rae for your MEXICAN FIESTA! Faculty attending and student council members found one another's company stimulating and the conversation lively after the summer's long absence and THE FOOD WAS ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: We have a new cover sheet on this issue of THE MONITOR. We have high hopes for this newsletter as it is our only open communication between one another. Poetry, essays, interviews, jokes, prayers and all news worthy items will be accepted. REMEMBER-YOU ARE THE ESSENCE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.

MICHELE LEONARD

THE ALASKA NETWORK PROJECT

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education funded the NETWORK project survey that was recently taken in the Mat-Su Valley. The objective of the project is to identify existing educational services and to determine the educational needs of adults in the Mat-Su region. As a result of this survey, a resource manual will be compiled listing agencies, local organizations, businessess and local government. A mini directory will be placed on bulletin boards for public use.

Approximately 600 randomly selected borough residents generously shared information about their business, services and educational background. An evaluation report of the requests for classes and training opportunities will be made from this information.

A portion of the research information was provided by MSCC students from Ken Fallon's Social Problems class and Leza Madsen's Anthropology class.

Maureen Wolff, the Network Project Director at MSCC, is a private consultant in staff development and training. She was contacted by the Department of Education, Juneau, to do a follow-up and information sharing report for Mat-Su Community College as well as for Prince William Sound Community College. Both colleges had program planning funds for a needs assessment.

Ms. Wolff has a B.S. degree in Education and Sociology, an M.A. degree in Sociology and 30 post MA hours in Public Administration and Counseling. She has taught Special Education, primary level, in Seattle and Fairbanks and has 9 years of counseling experience which includes vocational counseling in college, personal counseling with health organizations and crisis centers. On the university level, she taught Sociology for 3 years.

In December of 1979, Maureen became Project Director and Barb Carney was Project Assistant. These two dedicated individuals along with the Network Program Steering Committee, spent many hours organizing and compiling information so that the NETWORK survey would be a success.

We thank all those people who care about improving the educational and career opportunities here in the Mat-Su Valley.

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Be like a duck--keep calm and unruffled on
the surface but paddle like the devil
underneath.

From: BITS & PIECES
August, 1980

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Some of us spend the summer vacationing outside.
Some of us spend the summer fishing, boating, camping or basking in the beautiful Alaska sunshine.
Some of us spend hours in the garden - - weeding.
Some of us set aside all these enjoyable outdoor activities and enroll in summer school at MSCC.

Be it as it may, the summer semester does have its moments to remember!

Ted Sadler, of Sadler's Furniture Stores,came to our school as a guest speaker in Wes Van Loon's Introduction to Business class. Being the inquisitive person I am, I invited myself to sit in on the class and was able to finagle an interview with Mr. Sadler. I was impressed with the self-made enterpreneur.

It was 1972 when Mrs. Sadler said to Ted, "Let's go to Alaska!" Ted had been here before as a young adult and had planned to return one day. They gave up their family owned and operated used furniture store in New Jersey and with $6,000 in their pocket, moved to Anchorage.

"I have been in the furniture business for 12 years. I decided 5 years ago that I can't be beaten," says Ted. When I asked him what factors attributed to his success, he answered simply but emphatically, "PERSERVERENCE!"

In 1973, Ted began hiring students to man his work force. Today, he has approximately 30 employee's and says he knows them all but two who are new hires. He no longer does the hiring. He leaves that job for "the kids."

Ted Sadler is proud of "the kids," that work for him. He has a tremendous amount of trust and faith in them and, "will help any student do whatever he wants to do." He insists that they have good grades in school. I asked Ted if he encourages these students to go on to higher education, "They can learn more about the furniture business from me than they can in school," was his reply.

The students who work for Sadler's have to be atleast 16 years old and juniors in High School. They are paid by the State of Alaska and continue with their schooling. They receive academic credit for their employment and are trained on the job. They work their way up through the ranks.

I asked Ted if he still sells furniture. He answered, "I am not a furniture salesman. I sell business!"

Someone in the class asked Ted about the commercials he does on T.V., "I taped 44 commercials before coming here today. I ad-lib. I want people to think of me as honest."

AND SO FOLKS, THIS IS TED SADLER.....

Rae Nelson

TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS...TESTS

I took notes in class, did my homework
and required reading. I reviewed
everything that was covered in class and
felt that I knew the subject well.
WHY THEN, did I draw a blank when the test
paper was put before me?
Why was I not able to decipher one word of
the English language?
Why did my hands turn icey cold?
Why was there a hollowness in my stomach?

Have you experienced these same feelings? Do you know why this happens every time you have to take an exam? Do you want to learn the answers to these questions as well as learn how to overcome the fear of exams?

If you have answered "YES" to any of these questions, then let me invite you to share your feelings with those of us who have the same experiences with regards to tests of any sort. Perhaps we can come up with a solution and while helping ourselves, help each other as well.

In the very near future, we are planning to have a special guest speaker who will share with us too. Look for time and date to be posted on the bulletin board in the lounge.

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FROM "BITS & PIECES," July,1980

"World's shortest ghost story: the last
man on earth sat down in his room. Suddenly
there was a knock on the door!"

AND.....

"The narrower the mind the broader the statement."
(Ted Cook, Bits & Pieces)

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I'M NOT FISHING

You went fishing
didn't know
what you'd be missing
by not being here
with me
So
instead of my lips
which needed your kissing
I hope that you'll
GO KISS A FISH!

Rae Nelson

Goodbye Leza...

Hello June...

The students and the staff of MSCC feel very privileged to welcome Ms. June Pinnell and Ms. Marcia Colson as new members of the staff. June is currently serving as Librarian and Marcia is her assistant.

June is going to be teaching English 193, (Storytelling), Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Palmer Junior High School.

W E L C O M E

by Judy Inabinette

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POETRY CORNER

TUFFINS

My cat howls:
"Mau, Mau,"
not "Mee-ow."

He relishes:
chicken chow mein
spaghetti
mice--domestic and wild,
and prefers
sausage pizza
with pimiento-
stuffed
green
olives.
He leaves the crust,
(I trust with no insult intended).
He sneaks ripening
avocados
and cleans the pits
neatly.
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Carol Stats

TOUCHING

Touching
more than reaching out
for someone's hand

Meeting
more than ideas
shared.

Loving
more than giving
of self to another.

Touching,
meeting,
loving,
an unknown presence
Perhaps.

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Rae Nelson

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WINTER SMOKE

Swaying
plumes and pillars,
obliging to the wind.
Brief, sweet, a morning phantasy
of dance.

Carol Stats